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Sunday, April 21, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

The Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

EPISTLE:

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.



HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Mike, Denise, Merissa & Joe Ferraro, Nusrallah, Sanaa, Rami, Deanna, Rana, Jumana & Jerrius Jubran, Adib, Sandy, Rudolph & Yara Moussa and all parishioners of St. George.

In loving memory of of all the departed members members of the Ferraro, Jubran & Moussa families.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Ferraro, Jubran and Moussa families. Please join us in this period of fellowship.

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/christmated members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron*-Holy Bread. Join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. Please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Landen Hoffman, David Windsor, Anna Windsor, Jason Windsor, Pauline Dole, Peter Hafiz, Eleanor Hafiz, Mariah, Nicholas Peter Andrews, Fr. Duane, Katar Fayed, John and John Etoll, Wally & Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Margaret Boalbey, Norm Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Joe Etoll, Lamese McDowell, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, George & Ellie Saba, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Deb Korluka, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, Terry Conway & Nancy Maker, Mike & Sandy Brown.

If you are ill or having surgery and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Mangels.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS PROCEDURE

If you would like to have **ANY announcement** published in the weekly bulletin or to submit the names for holy bread, you **must submit the information to Brigitte @ bgkstgeorge@gmail.com** by **Wednesday NOON** before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Lecture Series on the Prologue to John's Gospel, on Sundays from 9:00-9:45am
- Making Easter Cookies April 24, 2019 at 10:30 am we will be making Kaack for Pascha. Please come and help if you are able. Men are welcome to come bake with the ladies. Thank you.
- Teacher Training Workshop, Saturday, May 4 from 8:30am-4:00pm (*see announcement*)

HOLY BREAD LIST	COFFEE HOUR LIST
April 25, Holy Thursday <i>Joannie Alevizos</i>	N/A
April 28, HOLY PASCHA <i>AM: Rudquist PM: Kakish</i>	N/A
May 5, Thomas Sunday <i>Norma Haddad</i>	(OPEN)

To schedule Holy Bread and/or memorial, contact Joannie Alevizos. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or Holy Bread on a Sunday. *When signing up for Holy Bread, please indicate "yes" or "no" if you will also be providing coffee hour.* **Coffee hour does not need to be an elaborate meal.** If you have any questions, contact Sanaa Jubran. **It is important to notify Brigitte by e-mail (bgkstgeorge@gmail.com) or phone with all your bulletin information by**

Wednesday the week before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation!

HOLY BREAD OPEN DATE LIST

Check your schedule and look at the posted Holy Bread list for a Sunday of your choice. There are openings. Please seriously consider choosing a date. We will help you if you need assistance. Joannie Alevizos.

CANDLES & FLOWERS

We remind you that all offerings received on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday are used to offset the cost of candles and flowers for Holy Week and Pascha. Please be generous. Please use the offering basket on the candle/ushers' table. Mark your checks "candles & flowers." Thank you!

THE GREAT & HOLY WEEK 2019 AT SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY, April 21

Bridegroom Matins at 4:00pm, St. Herman OCA Church, Minneapolis, followed by dinner

HOLY MONDAY, April 22

Bridegroom Matins, at 7:00pm

HOLY TUESDAY, April 23

Bridegroom Matins, at 7:00pm

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 24

Holy Unction Service, at 7:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, April 25

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, at 9:00am

Service of the 12 Passion Gospels, at 7:00pm

HOLY & GREAT FRIDAY, April 26

Royal Hours, Friday, at 10:00am

Vespers of the Taking Down from the Cross, at 3:00pm

Lamentations, Friday, 7:00pm followed by SOYO Vigil

HOLY & GREAT SATURDAY, April 27

Vesperal Liturgy of the Harrowing of Hades, at 9:00am

Rush Procession followed by the Paschal Divine Liturgy, at 11:30pm

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA, April 28

Agape Vespers followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, at 2:00pm

Agape Celebration in the Church Hall, Sunday, following the Easter Egg Hunt

PASCHAL PARTY UPDATE

All members of the church are invited to attend the Paschal Dinner **in the Church Hall** after the Agape Service. Lamb, chicken and beef kabobs, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a salad, a dish to share, or a dessert.

LADIES FUNDRAISER

The AW Ladies Society are raising funds for the NAB Project "Build a Cathedral at the Antiochian Village" and we made \$790.00 from the spinach pie sales. Thanks to the Council for approving this fundraiser for us so we can donate to the 2019 North America Board Project.

Church Fathers Speak: God is love. Therefore, love Him and all people. God is fire. Do not let your heart be cold but burn with faith and love. God is light. Do not walk in darkness of mind, without reason, understanding or faith. God is merciful and bountiful. Be also a source of mercy and generosity to your neighbors. If you do these, you will find salvation with everlasting glory. *St. John of Kronstadt* (+1908)

CONSIDER BEING A CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER - COME TO THE WORKSHOP ON MAY 4th: Our Church School is in need of more wonderful teachers to educate our precious students in the faith. Our goal is to have teaching teams for each class to maximize creativity and minimize burden. To better achieve this goal, St. George and our Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese are hosting a Orthodox Church School Teacher Development Workshop on Saturday, May 4, 2019. We are honored to have Carole A. Buleza, Director of the Department of Christian Education for the Archdiocese, serve as our presenter. The workshop will take place in our Great Hall from 8:30am – 4:00pm. A flyer, a detailed agenda, including session descriptions, and a registration form are available on the Archdiocese webpages here: <http://ww1.antiochian.org/christianeducation> or here <http://ww1.antiochian.org/toledo>. All parishioners are welcome. Please contact Christina Worrall for registration details (worrall.christina@gmail.com or 571-334-2306).

2019 Annual Father John Khoury Falafel Dinner

We would like to thank the Khoury Family and the Beirut Restaurant for putting on the very successful Falafel Dinner this year. They make this such a lovely event for all of us. They donate all of the ingredients and the two gift certificates plus do all of the work! Thank you!

Fr. Khoury Annual Falafel Dinner, a great success!

A very big thank you to all those who came, shared fellowship, and enjoyed falafel at the FR. KHOURY ANNUAL FALAFEL DINNER. There were many, many new faces along with our own St. George family. This was by far the biggest year we ever had with around 275 tickets turned in. To put it in falafel numbers, that's approximately 1925 pieces of falafel, 350 loaves of bread & 500 cups of tahini. Thanks to those who helped spread the word, we raised \$2500.00! \$800.00 more than last year's total. The money raised will be put in the general fund. A very special thank you to George Khoury for printing and selling tickets. We hope to continue this tradition for many years to come.

Wisdom from the Fathers: When praying the "Our Father..." pronounce each word sincerely with reverence, fixing your mind and heart on God alone, not paying attention to anything or anyone around you...Be always, every moment, with God, especially when you pray to Him. *St. John of Kronstadt* (+1908)

MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL 2019

Please mark your calendars for our **12TH ANNUAL ST. GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL**, July 19, 20 & 21! Our festival has become a major attraction in the Twin Cities and it serves as our single annual fundraiser, second only to your stewardship. We need your help! Please save the dates and plan to be here to work that entire week for your church. There will be plenty to do July 15-21. Plan to work together that week on set-up and preparation and plan to work several shifts during the festival weekend. Look for sign-up sheets in your email and in the church hall. Thank you.

FOCUS MN Update: Please join us on the morning of Saturday, June 1, as we transition into the next phase of service with an Open House and House Blessing! We will give prayers of thanksgiving, bless all areas of the FOCUS Minnesota House, offer self-guided tours, and share light refreshments. May Day Help Wanted! Come hand-address and stuff the House Blessing invitations

with us! May 1, 6:30pm at FOCUS Minnesota RSVP to Judy: 612-490-8611 or jpurman@com-cast.net. ● We are networking with schools, social service organizations, and elected officials in our new neighborhood. ● We were awarded a grant from the City of St. Paul for new signage and lighting for our building. ● The Clothes Closet is nearly ready! We hope to open its doors soon after Pascha. ● The kitchen remodel remains on the to-do list. We are hopeful for a summer completion date.

2019 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE Diocese of Toledo

The PLC this year is being hosted by St. Nicholas, Champaign-Urbana from June 19-22 at the University of Illinois Newman Center. This is a new concept for PLC and will be very affordable for families and individuals. Bishop Anthony expects a good turnout from all of the Parishes in the Midwest. You can register online at (<https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-toledo-and-the-midwest/>). Hotel reservation deadline is May 19. Events registration deadline is June 10.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREATS AND ACTIVITIES

May 3-5 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center for [more info and to register, click here!](#) Led by our own Paul Karos and organized by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. May 17-19 at the Karos Cabin to [register, click here!](#) Once you have registered, please follow the link to pay the \$20 registration fee. Space is available on a first-come-first serve basis. The first 17 registrations are guaranteed a bed. Registrations after the first 17 will need to bring a sleeping bag and sleep on the floor. We had a great time last year—don't miss it this year!

Wisdom from the Fathers: Honor God continuously, all our life and in all possible ways, not just on certain feast days or only in the church or at saint's shrine...All our life is a festival...God is everywhere present. We praise Him as we work, we sing hymns to Him as we travel, we feel His inspiration in all that we do. *St. Clement of Alexandria* (+215)

THE BRIDEGROOM SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK

Each of these Bridegroom Orthros services has a particular theme. On Holy Monday (Sunday Night), the Blessed Joseph, the son of Jacob the Patriarch, is commemorated. Joseph is often seen as a Type of Christ. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a pit, and sold into slavery by them. In the same way, our Lord was rejected, betrayed by His own, and sold into the slavery of death. The Gospel reading for the day is about the barren fig tree, which Christ cursed and withered because it bore no fruit. The fig tree is a parable of those who have heard God's word, but who fail to bear the fruit of obedience. Originally the withering of the fig tree was a testimony against those Jews who rejected God's word and His Messiah. However, it is also a warning to all people, in all times, of the importance of not only hearing the God's word, but putting it into action.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins is read on Holy Tuesday (Monday night). It tells the story of the five virgins who filled their lamps in preparation for receiving the bridegroom while the other five allowed their lamps to go out, and hence were shut out of the marriage feast. This parable is a warning that we must always be prepared to receive our Lord when He comes again. The theme of the day is reinforced by the *expostelation* hymn we sing: "I see Thy Bridal Chamber adorned, O my Savior, but have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light, enlighten the vesture of my soul, and save me."

The theme of Holy Wednesday (Tuesday night) is repentance and forgiveness. We remember the sinful woman who anointed our Lord in anticipation of His death. Her repentance and love of Christ is the theme of the wonderful "Hymn of Kassiane" which is chanted on this night, reminding us one more time, before "it is too late," that we too may be forgiven if we repent.

